

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): An image processing apparatus, comprising:

a camera function portion which includes a central processing unit to control the entire image processing apparatus, an operating portion to input an operation externally, an imaging portion to photograph an image of a subject, a digital processing portion to perform a digital processing to various signals including photographing data of said imaging portion, a displaying portion to display image data processed by said digital processing portion, a communication function portion housed in said image processing apparatus or provided attachably and detachably on said image processing apparatus and configured to communicate with said an external communication device, and a data storing portion to store digital data which relates to said digital processing portion;

a communication judging portion to judge whether or not a communication with an external communication device with respect to a signal from said external communication device is possible; and

a data communication portion which carries out the communication with said external communication device when it is judged by said communication judging portion that the communication is possible, and transmits communication data including a program to control said camera function portion from said external communication device to said external communication device,

wherein the communication data with the external communication device include an interface program to control said camera function portion, and said data communication

portion includes a control interface portion to control said camera function portion using control data from said external communication device,

wherein the communication data with the external communication device include a media interface program to transmit data to and receive data from said digital processing portion in said camera function portion, and said data communication portion includes a media interface portion to carry out at least one of processing of digital processing data in said digital processing portion received at said external communication device and processing of transmitted data from said external communication device in the digital processing portion, using the control data from said external communication device,

wherein the data communication portion includes a communication portion for continuous data to mutually transmit and receive continuous data between the image processing apparatus and said external communication device, and

wherein in the communication between the image processing apparatus and said external communication device, the communication of the continuous data by the communication portion for continuous data is capable of communicating ~~in parallel~~ concurrently with at least one of the data communication by the camera control interface portion and the data communication by the media interface portion.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein

at least one of voice playback of voice data from said external communication device and playback display of the image data from said communication device is carried out, when it is at least judged by said communication judging portion that the communication is possible.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 14, wherein

the media interface program of the communication data with the external communication device transmits and receives the data in said data storing portion in the camera function portion, and

wherein the media interface portion of said data communication portion carries out at least one of readout of the data from said data storing portion and recording of the data to the data storing portion, using said control data from said external communication device.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said media interface portion includes means configured to receive the voice data inputted by a microphone and processed with encoding in said external communication device and record to said data storing portion.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein

said media interface portion transmits the voice data stored in said data storing portion in the camera function portion to the external communication device.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein

said media interface portion includes means configured to receive the voice data inputted by a microphone and processed with encoding in said external communication device and associate the voice data with image data stored in said data storing portion in said camera function portion to store them in said data storing portion.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein

said media interface portion includes means configured to resize the image data in said camera function portion of said image processing apparatus according to a resizing method based on control data transmitted from said external communication device and transmit the resized image data to the external communication device.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein

said media interface portion includes means configured to receive symbol information created by using a function for creating the symbol information which includes characters provided in said external communication device and add the symbol information to a selected recording file of said data storing portion in said camera function portion.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein

said media interface portion further includes means configured to receive the symbol information which includes the characters provided in said external communication device to the image processing apparatus as image information which is utilized even in said camera function portion in the image processing apparatus.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The image processing apparatus according to claim 21, wherein

said media interface portion further includes means configured to transmit information capable of selecting a method of selecting and specifying of a data file

alternatively from a plurality of methods of selection and specify including a method of selectively specifying the data file by displaying an original file name of said data file on a displaying portion in said external communication device and a method of selectively specifying the data file by displaying the symbol information added to said data file on the display portion, when specifying the data file stored to said data storing portion in said camera function portion from said external communication device.